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Graf Ignatiev Airfield

1. During 1949, trudovaks expanded the size of the runway at the Graf Ignatiev airfield. The old concrete runway was 1,000 meters long and 80 meters wide; it was increased to a new size of 2,000 meters long and 160 meters wide. The project was completed in mid-1949.
2. The old runway was left intact during the construction period. The enlargement was done by covering the construction area with a 20-centimeter layer of ballast, rolling the surface, then paving with a 20-centimeter layer of sand-cement concrete.
3. The surface of the runway has drainage grooves at 50-centimeter intervals which form 250-square centimeter squares over the entire runway surface.
4. In mid-1949, there were approximately 35 two-engine single-wing aircraft with two vertical stabilizers (informant believed the planes were Soviet craft), and 10 single-engine double-wing trainers located at the airfield.
5. Approximately 120 student pilots in air force uniforms, including six women, were training at the field. There were also 200 officers at the field.
6. There are five hangars at the field, each 30 meters wide by 60 meters long by 10 meters high.¹

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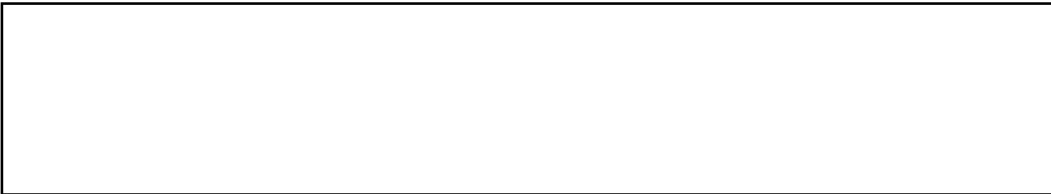
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Border Guard Units in the Devin Area

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7. The entire population has been deported from Buynovo, Devin district. At present, there are about 50 border troops located at the village. The troops are armed with rifles, machine pistols, and light machine guns.
8. [redacted] a border zastava of 30 soldiers is located in Chavdar.
9. A border zastava of 30-40 soldiers is located three kilometers south of Brush-lyan. A komandatura is stationed in Dospat, and an otryad is stationed in Devin.²

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